

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable information processing apparatus comprising:
a casing main body;
a keyboard for data input, said keyboard being fixed to said casing main body and having
a near-side edge and a far-side edge;
a disk drive device ~~having~~ for receiving a detachable disk recording medium; and
a disk cover for covering ~~the~~ said disk drive device, said disk cover being arranged to
pivot about a shaft at said near-side edge of said keyboard and oriented so as to be parallel to said
near-side edge;
~~a keyboard for data input; and~~
~~a casing main body;~~
~~wherein the disk cover can be opened and closed from the casing; and~~
wherein the said disk drive device, said keyboard, and said disk cover are arranged so that
allows only a part of the disk recording medium to advance is located beneath ~~the~~ said keyboard
when the disk recording medium is ~~loaded into the~~ received within said disk drive device.
2. (Currently Amended) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1,
wherein ~~the~~ said disk cover comprises a pointing device for position input.
3. (Currently Amended) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1,
wherein ~~the~~ said disk cover further comprises a protrusion;
wherein ~~the~~ said casing main body further comprises a switch;
wherein ~~the~~ said disk cover and said casing main body are arranged so that said switch
opens or closes an electric circuit ~~by the~~ due to force from said protrusion depending on ~~opening~~
~~or closing~~ an opened or closed position of the said disk cover; and
wherein ~~the~~ an operation of said disk drive device is controlled by the opening or the
closing of ~~the~~ said electric circuit.

4. (Currently Amended) The portable information processing apparatus of ~~claims~~ claim 1,

~~wherein the keyboard is fixed to the casing; and~~

wherein ~~the~~ a lower side of ~~the~~ said keyboard is made of a material ~~of an~~ having excellent heat conductivity characteristics, and said lower side is in contact with ~~the~~ heat generating parts in ~~the~~ said casing main body.

5. (Currently Amended) The portable information processing apparatus of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said disk drive device is ~~installed at an inclination~~ inclined relative to said disk cover so that the part of the loaded disk recording medium located beneath said keyboard is lower than in other parts of the disk recording medium ~~toward the portion invading beneath the~~ keyboard.

6. (Currently Amended) The portable information processing apparatus of ~~claims~~ claim 1, further comprising:

a display unit ~~rotatable about the~~ pivotal with respect to said casing main body,

wherein ~~the~~ said display unit has a display device;

wherein ~~the~~ a margin of ~~the~~ said display unit projects ~~from the~~ at a side of ~~the~~ said display device; and

wherein ~~the~~ said margin and said disk cover are arranged so that said margin abuts against ~~the~~ said disk cover when ~~the~~ said display unit is closed while ~~the~~ said disk cover is open.

7. (Currently Amended) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

~~a thrusting means~~ an urging member for forcing the said disk cover in ~~releasing an open~~ direction,

wherein ~~the~~ said ~~thrusting means~~ urging member is provided at ~~the~~ a side of the said disk cover ~~abutting to abut~~ against the said margin.

8. (New) A portable information processing apparatus comprising:
a casing main body;
a keyboard for data input fixed to said casing main body;
a disk drive device for receiving a detachable disk recording medium; and
a disk cover for covering said disk drive device, said disk cover being hinged to said casing main body so as to be pivotable with respect to said casing main body, said disk cover being separate from said keyboard such that said keyboard is not located on said disk cover.

9. (New) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 8, wherein said disk drive device, said keyboard, and said disk cover are arranged such that a part of the disk recording medium is located beneath said keyboard when the disk recording medium is received within said disk drive device.

10. (New) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 8, wherein said disk cover comprises a pointing device for position input.

11. (New) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 8,
wherein said disk cover further comprises a protrusion;
wherein said casing main body further comprises a switch;
wherein said disk cover and said casing main body are arranged so that said switch opens or closes an electric circuit due to force from said protrusion depending on an opened or closed position of said disk cover; and
wherein an operation of said disk drive device is controlled by the opening or the closing of said electric circuit.

12. (New) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 8,

wherein a lower side of said keyboard is made of a material having excellent heat conductivity characteristics, and said lower side is in contact with heat generating parts in said casing main body.

13. (New) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 8, wherein said disk drive device is inclined relative to said disk cover so that the part of the loaded disk recording medium located beneath said keyboard is lower than other parts of the disk recording medium.

14. (New) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
a display unit pivotable with respect to said casing main body,
wherein said display unit has a display device;
wherein a margin of said display unit projects at a side of said display device; and
wherein said margin and said disk cover are arranged so that said margin abuts against said disk cover when said display unit is closed while said disk cover is open.

15. (New) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:
an urging member for forcing said disk cover in an open direction,
wherein said urging member is provided at a side of said disk cover to abut against said margin.